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## Police Use Tear Gas and Rubber Bullets to Disperse More Than 8,000



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More than 200 police officers were called to the area Saturday evening.

By **KALEIGH SOMERS** and  
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President Linwood Rose left no questions regarding his response to the JMU community via e-mail on Sunday evening, addressing those students who attended Springfest.

“Your collective behavior was an embarrassment to your university and a discredit to our reputation,” Rose said. He plans to

handle similar situations even more seriously in the future.

The aftermath of Saturday’s block parties consisted of more than 30 arrests, a stabbing, extensive property damage and injured police and partygoers. The Harrisonburg community has not experienced a riot this serious in 10 years, when civil disobedience units responded to a crowd of more than 2,000 students

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After Saturday afternoon’s events, JMU President Linwood Rose e-mailed an official response to students on Sunday.

### Dear Students:

LET ME FIRST ACKNOWLEDGE that many of you did not attend Springfest on Saturday. To those of you who were involved, your collective behavior was an embarrassment to your university and a discredit to our reputation. No one is opposed to some fun on a beautiful spring weekend, but public drunkenness, destruction of property, and threats to personal safety are unacceptable outcomes. Yesterday’s events reflect poorly on your character and were demonstrable evidence of less than sound judgment.

As a university community, we care about our neighbors. Unfortunately, the events of this weekend do not demonstrate that concern.

To mitigate the negative consequences of these types of situations in the future, we will be conferring with students, property owners, law enforcement, including the Virginia State Police, government officials and others.

**Linwood H. Rose**  
*President*

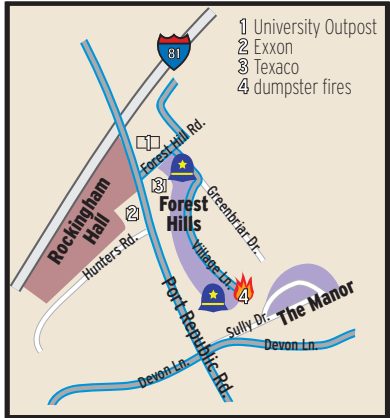
## Residents Work To Clean Up After Saturday’s Riot

By **RACHEL DOZIER**  
*The Breeze*

Shards of glass, heaps of cans, crushed boxes and forgotten Solo cups littered the streets and lawns of Forest Hills townhomes Sunday morning. Tired residents and workers came out to clean up the debris left from Saturday’s block party.

Senior Chris Collichio, a resident of Forest Hills who attended Springfest the last four years, has never seen anything like this. He remembers participating “back when it was nice.”

Collichio’s house is at the far end of the block from where the tear-gassing began. The gas forced students down to his end of the street. With police also at that end, his house and the cars surrounding the parking lot provided easy targets for many scattered students to throw rocks,



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**The incident took place on Village Lane in Forest Hills townhomes.**

he said.

“My car, a silver BMW, has a rock that went straight through the window,” Collichio said. “That car right there got elbowed [through the back windshield]. That’s not even a rock there; someone just smashed that one. Our house

see **AFTERMATH**, page 4

### Past Springfest Problems:

It’s been 10 years since one of JMU’s parties got as out of control as Saturday’s Springfest.

On Aug. 25, 2000, riot police broke up a back-to-school party of about 2,000 people in the Forest Hills townhouse complex.

An article in the Aug. 28 issue of *The Breeze* reports a three-hour standoff that led to 20 arrests and numerous injuries. At midnight, police used a bullhorn and public address system to order the crowd to disperse. The crowd refused, and the article reports that police gave partygoers 30 minutes to leave. About half were said to leave.

Approximately 35 officers in riot gear dispersed tear gas and pepper spray. For two hours, the article says the crowd threw rocks, glass and board and residents. Two dumpsters were also lit on fire.

The situation calmed around 3 a.m.

Several cars in the complex’s lot were damaged, including a Harrisonburg police car.

JMU President Linwood Rose organized a Community Coalition to look into the riot and prevent such actions from happening again. Rose made a statement published in *The Breeze* on Sept. 18, 2000 saying: “Something is wrong when a university president goes to bed at night worried about whose parents might need to be called the next day because their son or daughter was injured, assaulted or arrested.”

The coalition recommended examining the university’s judicial system, offering more alternative activities for students and finding a more effective way for students and police to work together.

On Sept. 23, 2000, some students calling themselves the Young Democratic Socialists also protested Harrisonburg Police Department, in part for the actions officers took at the riots.

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## Senior Polish Officials Killed

WARSAW — Tens of thousands of mourners filled the streets of central Warsaw with red votive candles Saturday night in a display of patriotism and grief hours after President Lech Kaczynski and senior Polish officials were killed when the presidential jet crashed in heavy fog in western Russia.

The crash, which officials said killed all 97 people on board, cut a devastating swath through Poland's political and military elite. In addition to Kaczynski and his wife, Maria, the dead included the national bank's president, the deputy foreign minister, the head of the National Security Office, the deputy Parliament speaker as well as lawmakers and presidential aides. Among military personnel killed were the army chief of staff, the head of the air force and the navy chief commander.

The tragedy generated what mourners in Warsaw described as a spontaneous outpouring of support, not necessarily for Kaczynski's nationalist politics or his party, but for the office of the presidency and for all those killed alongside him in the service of the nation.

"You can look around the street here, and half the people would not be voting for Kaczynski," said Aleksander Zborowski, 36, an Arizona State University-educated engineer who was standing in front of the presidential palace along with thousands of other mourners. "But they are here because he was our president. It is patriotism."

Prime Minister Donald Tusk called the crash "the most tragic event of the country's postwar history," and his government called on Poles to observe two minutes of silence.

Under Poland's constitution, Tusk exercises primary control over the government, based on his party's majority in Parliament. The president, although the titular armed forces commander, plays a largely ceremonial role.

Also listed among the dead were some revered figures in the Polish struggle to break free of communism: Anna Walentynowicz, 80, the diminutive crane operator whose firing in August 1980 from the Lenin Shipyards in Gdansk helped spark the creation of Solidarity, the political movement that nine years later helped topple the communist government; and the last Polish president in exile, Ryszard Kaczorowski, 90, who stepped down when Lech Walesa, the leader of Solidarity, became the first post-communist president of Poland.

"This is a great tragedy, a great shock to us all," Walesa said. The crash occurred Saturday morning near the city of Smolensk as the president's plane, a 26-year-old Russian-made Tupolev TU-154, was carrying the officials to a ceremony in Russia commemorating the Soviet massacre of Poland's officer corps in 1940 at the outset of World War II, one of the most traumatic events in 20th-century Polish history.

The governor of the Smolensk region said the pilot decided to land despite advice from the control tower that he divert to another airport because of poor visibility. The three-engine aircraft clipped trees and broke apart about a mile short of the runway at a military airport, officials said. Television images showed small fires amid the fog and a broken tail fin with the red and white colors of the Polish flag.

Kaczynski, who became president in 2005, was the identical twin brother of former Prime Minister Jaroslaw Kaczynski. Together they had roiled domestic and international politics with their combative brand of Polish conservatism that was suspicious of both the Kremlin and the European Union bureaucracy in Brussels. Lech Kaczynski was facing re-election this fall but was trailing in opinion polls.

"In the face of this tragedy, we stand all united," said Bronislaw Komorowski, speaker of the lower house of Parliament and now the acting president. "There is no left or right, there are no differences, no divisions. We are all together with our message of compassion to the families of those who died nearby the Smolensk airport."

Komorowski declared a week of national mourning.

President Barack Obama, who also telephoned Tusk, said in a statement, "Our thoughts and

prayers are with the Kaczynski family, the loved ones of those killed in this tragic plane crash, and the Polish nation." Obama said the tragedy was "devastating to Poland, to the United States, and to the world" and described Kaczynski as "a distinguished statesman who played a key role in the Solidarity movement and ... was widely admired in the United States as a leader dedicated to advancing freedom and human dignity."

## Texas Stadium Demolished

DALLAS — Texas Stadium, the former home of the Dallas Cowboys, will be blasted into oblivion by 2,715 pounds of explosives Sunday in a public spectacle infused with fan nostalgia and some novel marketing.

Kraft Foods Inc. paid \$75,000 to sponsor the demolition in Irving, Tex., as part of a campaign to introduce its "Cheddar Explosion" macaroni and cheese. An 11-year-old boy who won a Kraft essay contest will trigger the explosive charge, taking down 4 million pounds of concrete, 2 million pounds of steel and a banner reading "Demolicious."

"We wanted to find an explosive idea that tied in with our launch," said Eileen Sharkey Rosenfeld, a Kraft senior brand manager. "This made a lot of sense." Kraft brought the idea to officials of Irving, Texas, the Dallas suburb that owns the stadium.

The company also is donating \$75,000 of food to local charities. Rosenfeld said she knew of no other demolition that has attracted a sponsor.

News of Kraft's involvement prompted a second offer, from the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine. The Washington, D.C.-based group sent the city a letter in March saying it would donate \$75,000 if Irving dropped Kraft and hung a banner from the stadium warning about obesity and the dangers of "fatty, cholesterol-laden products."

"You'll find that anything related to the Dallas Cowboys has people coming out of the woodwork and jumping on the bandwagon," Irving Mayor Herbert Gears said when asked about the doctors' response. The city declined the doctors' offer and donated \$25,000 to YMCA programs fighting childhood obesity.

The demolition was scheduled after Cowboys owner Jerry Jones abandoned the 39-year-old, 65,639-seat domed stadium last year to move into the newly built, \$1.15 billion Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas, which accommodates as many as 100,000 fans.

Irving plans to eventually redevelop the 80-acre site located in the heart of the Dallas metropolitan area.

"It had to come down," Gears said. "You can't charge high schools \$5,000 a game and pay the \$200,000 a month it costs us for security and to keep the lights on."

The city is using the demolition as a marketing and fundraising opportunity.

The \$6 million demolition is being paid with some of the \$15 million in fees the city levied on game tickets and parking during the Cowboys' final three seasons in Irving, Mayor Gates said.

Built for \$35 million, the stadium with a hole in its domed roof opened on September 17, 1971, and hosted the Cowboys for 37 years before the team moved at the close of the 2008-2009 season.

## Obama to Lead Nuclear Summit

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama will be leading one of the largest gatherings of world leaders in Washington history in the first summit to focus exclusively on the threat posed by the world's unsecured stocks of weapons-grade nuclear materials.

"This is truly a global issue," said Chuck Hagel, the former Republican senator from Nebraska who met Obama and Lugar in Moscow during the trip and later co-authored nuclear security legislation with the future president.

"It's not a front-burner, where's-my-job kind of issue, and many

people in America and the world see it as an abstraction. But there is no margin for error here, and I think Obama intuitively understood that as soon as he got to the Senate."

Obama has identified nuclear terrorism as "the most immediate and extreme threat to global security." His aides note that al-Qaida has sought unsuccessfully to acquire an atomic bomb.

But Obama's central challenge will be to persuade the 46 foreign leaders or their representatives arriving in Washington to care as much as he does about securing the material that could be used to create a bomb — highly enriched uranium and plutonium tucked away in government laboratories, research universities, military warehouses and other sites around the world.

It will not be easy. "The 'Made in the USA' label does not necessarily guarantee buy-in from others regarding this threat," said Elizabeth Turpen, an associate at Booz Allen Hamilton and an expert on nonproliferation.

Obama pledged during his presidential campaign to "secure all loose nuclear materials around the world in my first term," a goal experts in the field say he is not on pace to achieve. The summit will test Obama's approach to diplomacy, which often requires countries to set aside important national interests to achieve shared international ones.

Obama will be staging the Nuclear Security Summit, as the event is known, during a period of intensive nuclear diplomacy that includes a new strategic arms-reduction treaty with Russia, a rethinking of when the United States would use nuclear weapons, and an effort to strengthen the Non-Proliferation Treaty, the global pact aimed at stopping the spread of the bomb.

But it also comes amid global currents that make securing nuclear material more urgent and more difficult. Rich and developing-world countries increasingly are turning to nuclear power to meet clean-energy goals and to support growing economies, meaning that more nuclear fuel, some of which would have to be further enriched for weapons use, will be available and vulnerable to theft.

Just 55 pounds of highly enriched uranium — about the size of a grapefruit — is needed to make a small nuclear device. There are an estimated 3.5 million pounds of the material in 40 countries around the world, and another 1.1 million pounds of plutonium.

The Fissile Materials Working Group, an umbrella organizations for non-government groups working on nuclear issues, estimated that there is enough "weapons-usable nuclear material" in the world to build more than 120,000 nuclear bombs.

At the end of two days, the summit is scheduled to produce a communiqué calling for a crackdown on smuggling, support for past U.N. resolutions on the subject, and standards for securing highly enriched uranium and plutonium stocks. In addition, the participants will endorse a detailed "work plan" to accomplish the task of locking down all loose nuclear materials in four years.

## Twitter Grows in Political Appeal

WASHINGTON — Ask Sen. John McCain about his popularity on Twitter and he's quick to respond.

"One million seven-hundred and forty-one thousand," the 73-year-old Arizona Republican said, reciting the number of his followers on the third-most-popular social-networking site in the United States.

McCain, who said during his 2008 presidential bid that he didn't use e-mail and was learning to get online, is among about 200 members of Congress who tweet — sending messages of 140 characters or less — about topics as varied as policy and politics to food and sports.

"I love it; it's so interactive," said McCain, who has more than 46 times as many followers on Twitter as the next most popular member of Congress, Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Missouri.

The surge in the political use of social-networking sites such as Twitter is likely to grow as more lawmakers realize its effectiveness as a way to reach and hear

from voters, said Darrell West, director of governance studies at the Brookings Institution.

"You've got to get out of the bubble," said Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., who sends about four tweets a day, the most of any member of Congress, according to the Web site Tweetcongress.org, which tracks congressional tweeting.

"Wake up with a headache, queasy stomach, bloodshot eyes?" Issa tweeted the morning after the House approved the Democrats' health-care overhaul bill in March. Using the abbreviated spelling style often favored in such messages, he added: "You're suffering from the HC hangover. Ditch the Advil. I'll post a remedy shortly."

Issa, 56, also used Twitter to hold a photo caption contest for the 2,000-plus page health-care legislation Republicans opposed. One entry read: "Vote yes on Obamacare, lest millions of trees died in vain."

McCain and Issa said they write their own tweets as well as have staff send them.

"A lot of times I sit there with my communications person because she's so much faster than I am," McCain said. "But I do scan it all the time and compose tweets."

Tweets appear on the sender's home page and are sent to followers.

Many lawmakers use Twitter in a narrow way to describe travels and events rather than issues and policy, West said.

"The problem right now is politicians are using it to be hip, but they could be using it in much more meaningful ways," he said. For example, they could explain their votes and link to reports or press conferences, and that is the way West expects the tool to evolve.

## Greece Offered Billions in Aid

BRUSSELS — European governments offered debt-burdened Greece a rescue package Sunday worth as much as \$61 billion at below-market interest rates as they try to end its fiscal crisis and restore confidence in the euro.

Forced into action by a surge in Greek borrowing costs to an 11-year high, euro-region finance ministers said they would offer as much as \$40 billion in three-year loans in 2010 at around 5 percent. That's less than the current three-year Greek bond yield of 6.98 percent. Another \$20 billion would come from the International Monetary Fund.

"This is a step of clarification that markets are waiting for -- it shows there is money behind this," Luxembourg Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker told reporters in Brussels Sunday after chairing the ministers' conference call. "The initiative for activating the mechanism rests with the Greek government."

With the euro facing the sternest test since its debut in 1999, the 16-nation bloc maneuvered around rules barring the bailout of debt-stricken countries, aiming to prevent Greece's financial plight from spreading and to mute concerns about the currency's viability. Germany also abandoned an earlier demand that Greece pay market rates.

The euro has dropped 5.7 percent against the dollar this year as the discord within Europe over the response to the Greek crisis sapped faith in Europe's economic management. It now buys \$1.35.

"This is a huge amount," said Stephen Jen, managing director at BlueGold Capital Management in London and a former IMF economist. "This is more than a bazooka. They have gone nuclear on the issue of Greece. In the short run the market is short Greek assets so we'll get a rally in those."

A Greek finance ministry official said Sunday that market reaction to the aid package over the next few days will determine future developments. While Finance Minister George Papakonstantinou welcomed the announcement, he said the government wasn't requesting the bailout and planned to go ahead with planned debt sales. Greek officials plan a roadshow to U.S. investors this month before selling a dollar-denominated bond.

The teleconference of euro-region officials, which included European Central Bank President Jean-Claude Trichet, left open was how much Greece

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might need in 2011 and 2012, the final years covered by today's decision.

Aid will flow to the Greeks "when they ask for it," Cypriot Finance Minister Charilaos Stavrakis told reporters in Nicosia. "The decision was unanimous."

European governments would put up about two thirds of any aid, with the IMF chipping in the rest, European Union Economic and Monetary Commissioner Olli Rehn said.

"We cannot speak on behalf of the IMF, but we know that they are ready to cooperate and contribute with a substantial amount," Rehn said. Greek, EU and IMF officials will meet Monday to discuss details.

In the compromise hammered out Sunday, the European loans would be tied to Euribor and priced above rates charged by the IMF, a nod to German opposition to granting a subsidy to a country that failed to live within its means. The EU will offer a mix of fixed-rate and floating rate loans.

Greece last week raised its estimate of the 2009 deficit from 12.7 percent of gross domestic product to 12.9 percent, the highest in the euro's history and more than four times the EU's 3 percent limit.

## Possible Threat To World Cup

WASHINGTON — Reigning champion Italy has been alerted about a possible terror threat to it during this year's FIFA World Cup, an official at the country's soccer association said Friday.

Italy's Interior Minister Roberto Maroni spoke with soccer association President Giancarlo Abete to discuss the threat to the event, which starts June 11 in South Africa, said a spokesman, who declined to provide further details.

The news comes two days after CBS News published a report claiming a North African group affiliated to al-Qaida is targeting sport's most watched event, and specifically England's match-up with the United States on June 12. The report also said Italy, France and Germany were among the teams targeted.

"FIFA will not comment on any specific potential threats to the 2010 FIFA World Cup," soccer's governing body said in a statement. "Such matters will be dealt with together with the relevant security authorities and will not be made public."

The U.S. State Department said "appropriate precautions" were being taken to protect the month-long tournament. England's Football Association and Britain's Home Office declined to comment on the report.

Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb said in the statement, published by CBS News, an attack on the England and U.S. game would claim the lives of "dozens and hundreds."

"How amazing could the match United States vs. Britain be when broadcasted live on air at a stadium packed with spectators when the sound of an explosion rumbles through the

stands," al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb is said to have posted on a militant Web site.

The group has been linked to a number of attacks in North Africa and has been designated as a terrorist organization by the United States and the European Union.

South African officials said each team will be provided with the same level of security during their stays in the country. Additional security costs will have to be met by individual teams.

Terrorists have never succeeded in attacking the World Cup. Last month Interpol, the global police organization, said it will mount its largest-ever operation at this year's tournament. The South African government will have 44,000 dedicated police officers patrolling the event.

## Cigarette Tax Deters Smokers

WASHINGTON — Cigarette taxes were increased in 15 states last year, bringing the national average to about \$2.35 a pack as lawmakers aimed to discourage smoking and add more than \$1 billion to government coffers, a government report has found.

The mean increase was 52 cents, raising state taxes to about \$1.34 on each pack, according to the study released Thursday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The federal tax was also increased last year to \$1.01 from 39 cents a pack.

Smoking rates in the United States fell about 15 percent in the last decade, though declines slowed in the last five years, according to the Atlanta-based CDC. Thomas Frieden, the agency's director, has warned that decades of smoking reductions may be ending unless taxes increase and more money is spent on education.

"Increasing cigarette excise taxes is one of the most effective tobacco control policies," the report's authors wrote. "Additional increases in cigarette excise taxes and dedication of all resulting revenues to tobacco control and prevention programs at levels recommended by CDC could result in further reductions in smoking."

Each \$1-a-pack increase brings in about \$9.1 billion in annual tax revenue, according to the report. A dollar increase, over time, also prevents about 1 million smoking-related deaths and stops 2.3 million children from becoming smokers, the CDC said.

None of the 15 states that increased taxes last year mandated that the money go to smoking prevention programs, which would help curb tobacco use, the CDC said. The states may have increased their taxes because of budget shortfalls last year, the agency said.

All 50 states have cigarette taxes. About 460 cities, towns and counties also impose taxes, which weren't included in the \$2.35 per-pack tax in Thursday's report.

New York City charges an extra \$1.50 a pack, and Chicago-Cook County charges \$2.68, according to the CDC.





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### HARRISONBURG

#### 26th House District Nominations Set

Harrisonburg Mayor Kai Degner is the only Democrat on the ballot for the 26th seat in the Virginia House of Delegates. Harrisonburg councilman Ted Byrd, businessman Tony Wilt and lawyer John Elledge have all announced their candidacy for the Republican nomination. The seat, originally filled by Matt Lohr, R - Broadway, was vacated after Lohr accepted an offer from Gov. McDonnell to be the commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

### WEST VIRGINIA

#### 29 Miners Honored in Church Services

A memorial was held Sunday for miners killed in last Monday's mine explosion that occurred in Montcoal's Big Upper Branch mine. Authorities believe that high levels of methane gas buildup was a possible cause of the disaster.

### UNITED STATES

#### Many College Health Plans Shortchange Students

A report released by the New York attorney general states several colleges sponsor private health plans that offer inadequate coverage to students. According to the report, private insurers receive more than \$1 billion in revenue from colleges without providing extensive care to students.

### COLLEGES

## Japanese Students Losing Interest in U.S.

*The Washington Post*

Takuya Otani would love an MBA from a top U.S. business school, but he won't apply. When he graduates from college in Tokyo next year, he'll pass on an American degree and attend graduate school in Japan.

"I am a grass-eater," Otani said wistfully, using an in-vogue expression for a person who avoids stress, controls risk and grazes contentedly in home pastures.

Once a voracious consumer of American higher education, Japan is becoming a nation of grass-eaters. Undergraduate enrollment in U.S. universities has fallen 52 percent since 2000; graduate enrollment has dropped 27 percent.

Just one Japanese undergraduate entered Harvard's freshman class last fall. The total number of Japanese at Harvard has been falling for 15 years, while enrollment from China, South Korea and India has more than doubled.

Bottom-line considerations are steering many young Japanese away from U.S. colleges, said Tadashi Yokoyama, chairman of the board of Agos Japan, a Tokyo company that prepares students to take language exams and other tests needed for admission to foreign schools.

"This is not a time in Japan for intellectual curiosity," said Yokoyama, who graduated from UCLA in the early 1980s. "You have to think about investment and return."

In the 1970s and '80s, when Japan's economy was booming, the bottom line did not matter for many young Japanese. It was fashionable, stimulating and affordable for them to travel the world, study English in foreign settings and attend college in the United States. Their parents had money, and jobs were plentiful when they came home.

The collapse of the bubble economy in the 1990s changed those calculations. And the construction inside Japan of more than 200 new universities has made it easy to find an affordable education without enduring jet lag and having to learn English.

At the same time, Japan's low birthrate is constricting college enrollment, both inside and outside the country. The number of children under the age of 15 has fallen for 28 consecutive years. The size of the nation's high school graduating class has shrunk by 35 percent in the past two decades.



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TOMS Shoes has provided more than 600,000 pairs of shoes to needy children. Blake Mycoskie, the company's founder, will speak at JMU's commencement in May.

### TOMS SHOES

## Taking a Walk in Another's Shoes

By KATY SUMMERLIN  
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Senior Diana Gates received strange looks as she walked barefoot past tour groups on campus Thursday.

Gates, an international affairs major, participated in "One Day Without Shoes" in honor of TOMS Shoes on April 8. According to TOMS, more than 25 million people across the world participated in the event.

The mission of TOMS Shoes is to give one pair of shoes to a child in need for every pair of shoes they sell. The event's goal was to spread awareness of how important a pair of shoes is to a child in need. Walking to and from class, around dining halls and in residence halls was vastly different (and dirtier) for students, but people in other countries live shoeless on a daily basis.

Blake Mycoskie, the founder and CEO of TOMS, will be the commencement speaker for this year's graduating class. Mycoskie, 33, turned his passion for giving into a company that has given away more than 600,000 pairs of

shoes to children in need since TOMS was founded in May 2006.

Many JMU students have started wearing TOMS, or representing the company with T-shirts, stickers on their laptops or pins on their bags. Both men's and women's styles have sprung up on campus, and with the warmer weather here, the tight, canvas flats will be sighted even more. The shoes are available online through the TOMS Web site and through retailers like the Yellow Button downtown.

A screening of the TOMS documentary took place at the North 38 apartment complex on April 7. Sophomore media arts and design major Amanda Newby, the event's coordinator, saw a lack of TOMS' presence in Harrisonburg and wanted to sponsor a fun event to get people involved.

Newby explained that the shoes TOMS gives to children in underdeveloped countries "are made differently from the ones you can purchase for yourself," Newby said. "They are made for undeveloped countries, so they are slightly sturdier, which helps close out more diseases."

"Shoes are something so basic in this country where we are so blessed. For us to have the power to help give a future to children, just by giving them a pair of shoes, is something we should embrace."

**Amanda Newby**  
"One Day Without Shoes" Coordinator

Since learning about TOMS, Newby has applied for the TOMS internship, and volunteered to go on "shoe drops," where the shoes are actually delivered to children.

TOMS also delivers shoes to needy children in the U.S., which is a little known fact about the organization. Junior media arts and design major Amy Gwaltney said people often forget

the needs of our own country.

"Some volunteers are more willing to jump on a plane to go thousands of miles away to go help a kid," Gwaltney said, "But they forget that there are kids in America who need help just as much as a kid in Argentina."

North 38 is also lending a hand to the worthwhile cause. Besides giving TOMS a venue to screen their documentary, they are also planning to do a little shoe-shopping.

"We're trying to get 25 people to buy them through us, so we can do a big group order and show our support," said senior Blakely Bosket, an employee of North 38.

TOMS at JMU also sponsored a "Day Without Shoes" in October, with barefoot walks and a "Style Your Sole" party where the group was able to donate 27 pairs of shoes to the cause.

"Shoes are something so basic in this country where we are so blessed," Newby said. "For us to have the power to help give a future to children, just by giving them a pair of shoes, is something we should embrace."

### SGA

## Runoff to Decide President Thursday

By MATT SUTHERLAND  
The Breeze

Sophomore Andrew Reese and junior Caitlin Natale will face each other in a runoff vote Thursday to decide who will fill the position for SGA president.

In a race that consisted of four candidates, juniors Tommy Cumberland and Paul Sexton were eliminated from the presidential election after failing to receive enough votes during last week's major election. According to elections commissioner Rob Cellucci, if no candidate captures the majority, the two candidates with the most votes will face each other in a runoff.

The vote count did not increase significantly from past elections. This year, only 1,610 votes were cast for the presidential position, which was the most contested one. There were only 137 more votes this year, compared last year's heavily debated vice president of administrative affairs election.

Cellucci believes the small amount of voters was due to the timing of the elections. "The lack of voter turnout probably had to do with the fact that it was a Thursday, Friday vote instead of a Wednesday, Thursday vote," Cellucci said. « Most people were at Springfest and probably didn't think about voting for SGA."

In addition, the Elections Commission released a statement Friday regarding an unidentified candidate's failure to abide by the election guidelines. The candidate could not campaign for the rest of the week. The candidate in question's campaign manager entered residence halls to raise awareness for their campaign. According to

"The lack of voter turnout probably had to do with the fact that it was a Thursday, Friday vote instead of a Wednesday, Thursday vote. Most people were at Springfest and probably didn't think about voting for SGA."

**Rob Cellucci**  
elections commissioner

an Office of Residence Life policy, student candidates may not solicit votes through interaction inside a residence hall.

"It was in our opinion that the candidate violated the Office of Residence Life's policy regarding the Solicitation and Distribution of materials and therefore, revoked his ability to campaign for the remainder of the Election," Cellucci said in an e-mail released Friday.

While the presidential election will be open for students to vote Thursday, other elections have been decided.

In the election for vice president of administrative affairs, junior Jaclyn McConville defeated sophomore Kyle Smith by a slim margin of 121 votes. Junior Dan Smolkin, the current vice president of administrative affairs, defeated junior Steven Knott to be the student representative to the Board of Visitors.

Juniors Brock Wallace and Abby Ware, running for vice president of student affairs and treasurer, respectively, won unopposed.



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### Running For the Finish

Graduate students Stacy Horell (left) and Katie Dewolf race toward the finish line at Eta Sigma Gamma's (ESG) 5K run Sunday morning. The event was used to raise money for Madison For Keeps, a fundraising campaign designed to raise money for students affected by the economic downturn. So far, Madison For Keeps has raised more than \$408,000 in charitable donations. Although the campaign is over, all of the proceeds given to Madison For Keeps are dispensed directly to students.

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POLICE

HPD to Use Video Footage to Press Additional Charges

from front

Mayor Kai Degner plans to hear a report at Tuesday's City Council meeting to assess the situation and determine how to improve upon the city's policies, according to hburgnews.com. Springfest is an annual, multi-day block party in Fox Hill Townhomes. After police warned residents that officers would be present in the area, the party moved to Forest Hills townhomes.

Police tried to control more than 8,000 people this year. Harrisonburg Police Department Lt. Kurt Boshart said approximately 2,000 people usually attend the party.

More than 200 officers from Augusta County, Rockingham County, JMU, Staunton and the Virginia State Police were called in, Boshart said.

Students received a text message from JMU's emergency communications system ordering "Non-Residents of Village Lane to disperse from social events in that area immediately for safety reasons," just after 6 p.m. Many said the text was delayed because of an overcrowded phone system.

After approaching riot status, officers threw grenades of tear gas at the crowd of more than 1,000, focusing their attention on those still loitering at 6:45 p.m. Some partygoers were also sprayed with pepper spray or hit with rubber bullets and beanbags.

Many people continued to stay in the area, saying they weren't doing anything to incite a riot.

Officers were prepared to use necessary and appropriate forces to control the crowd.

"The process is actually very formal," Boshart said. "Our officers are trained to handle any chemical charge. It's about as formal of a process as you can get."

Block party attendees were told Friday evening to leave Manor Circle and Sully Drive as well. According to HPD, management of complexes called officers in because they couldn't handle the masses of partygoers. Management previously posted flyers warning residents of the violations associated with mass gatherings.

**HPD: Visitors Cause Escalation**

Boshart believes a large number of the crowd came in from different schools in the area and that led to the problems.

"We had people from Fairfax coming in with no ties to JMU whatsoever," Boshart said. He added that others from Virginia Tech, Washington and Lee and William & Mary contributed to the overcrowding.

As the riot squad blocked incoming beer cans and liquor bottles being thrown, attendees turned the struggle into a game, cheering for the squad. Boshart said more than a dozen officers sustained minor injuries, including cuts and bruises from thrown beer bottles and rocks.

Boshart said three to four people were flown to UVA Medical Center. He did not specify the exact injuries. Approximately 30 people were treated at Rockingham Memorial Hospital with unspecified injuries, according to the information Boshart had on Sunday afternoon.

One of the more serious injuries was an unidentified male who was also stabbed in the leg with an unknown object on the 1400 block of Devon Lane, Boshart said.

**Charges to Continue**

Boshart explained that people were told to stay away from the scene, otherwise they would be charged.

"With unlawful assembly, there's no option — you have to leave," Boshart said. "Even if you're just standing there, you are in violation of the law."

Boshart said most of the arrests stemmed from failure to disperse from a riot and being drunk in public.

Police did not know specifically how many were arrested because the various departments made their own arrests. Harrisonburg Police Department said it would work to get all names of those arrested by the various departments to release during today's press conference. The time will be announced Monday morning.

A K-9 unit stood behind the squad. An ambulance on standby blocked off traffic at the top of Forest Hill Road.

Police remained on the premises for the rest of the evening, set for students who came back for a night of partying. As evening set in, the state police brought in a helicopter to help with aerial surveillance throughout the entire night.

"We had little satellite parties popping up in different locations throughout that housing area," Boshart said. "We were responding to a lot more fight calls throughout the evening."

Currently, HPD is collaborating with surrounding departments to figure out how to prevent the situation from occurring again.

"There's a lot of work to be done, a lot of things to be organized," Boshart said. "We'll be sitting down to find out what things did work, what didn't work with this situation."

According to Boshart, police officers recorded the activities with video cameras. If HPD is able to identify perpetrators of illegal acts, then the police will use the footage to press further charges, Boshart said.

Judicial Affairs will also receive the arrest information for students.

**Mixed Responses**

Laura, a senior who lives in Forest Hills, experienced the full force of the onslaught. Patrons threw beer bottles that broke all her windows in the middle of the riot.

According to Laura, Springfest has never been this bad before.

Police told her and her roommates if they left the area, they wouldn't be able to come back to their home. She chose to stay.

Police presence "is what stopped the bottle throwing," Laura said.

"There were several students that were thanking [police] repeatedly," Boshart said. "When there's alcohol, excessive drinking involved, the people in attendance are the ones who dictated what happened last night."

Other people involved, including 2009 JMU alumnus Mike Myslinski, believed the police presence worsened the situation.

"When they came in, people started throwing beer bottles at them," Myslinski said.

At about 6:40 p.m., the riot squad yelled through a megaphone: "Get down the hill" and "You need to move. Get off the property."

One man was pushed down the hill by the team, who set a dog after him. Once at the bottom of the hill, he continued yelling back and forth with police until they came toward him, handcuffing him and arresting him. "Are you serious?" he asked, looking around.

Another man who was pushed said he didn't do anything to deserve it, calling it "police brutality."

"He came up with the shield and just pushed me," said the student who did not want to be identified. "I wasn't doing anything, just standing here."

A student from Salisbury University, visiting friends for the weekend, said he was tear-gassed because "ignorant people threw bottles."

The student reported coughing up blood for almost 10 minutes afterward.

Another student said the grenade exploded right in his face.

"I couldn't move, breathe, talk, smile, for five minutes," he said. Officers had to escort him away from the scene because he couldn't see through his blood-shot eyes, he said.

**Under Control in Hours**

According to Boshart, HPD called for reinforcements at about 3:30 p.m., specifically a civil disturbance unit.

At 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, officers controlling traffic weren't sure how much longer they'd be on guard, but were aggravated having been called in at the last minute.

Students in the Texaco parking lot were cleared out by 6:45 p.m. and about 10 police officers guarded the dirt hill bordering the back of the townhomes, but the other side held strong.

By 7:30 p.m. most of the crowd had vacated the area and were walking along Port Republic Road to get away from the tear gas. Many were disgruntled and commenting angrily about the way the situation was handled.

AFTERMATH

Port Republic Gas Stations Trashed, Employees 'Cussed' At

from front

literally has holes."

Collichio's damage spanned the entire perimeter of the house, and he didn't even face the worst of it.

The devastation did not end in Forest Hills.

Patricia Cline, an employee of the Texaco gas station on Port Republic Road for the last three years, worked Saturday night during the block parties. The store received damage both inside and out, even after the neighborhood had been tear-gassed.

"They pissed all over floor, spilled beer all over the floor, basically trashed the place," Cline said. "Our parking lot was trashed. Ever since they've had these parties it's been fine. [Saturday] night none of them had any respect. They literally cussed us for not opening the doors to let them get more beer."

Employees at the other two closest stations — Liberty and Campus Corner — declined to comment.

A statement released by JMU said the university "does not condone the action of the small group of individuals that led to the escalation of the events. The university will continue to work closely with law enforcement agencies as the situation warrants."

Eric Haskins, who was hired to pick up cans, attended the events Saturday night and was out Sunday morning trying to help clean up the trash. He didn't agree with the steps the police took.

"I've been doing this for five years. This was ridiculous last night," he said. "I think the cops went overboard. JMU never had no s--- like this happen. It was uncalled for."

The rubble led the way to where the tear-gassing began at the end of the block. That's where Laura, a Forest Hills resident, stood surrounded by beer cans. Just like Collichio, Laura has attended Springfest for the last four years. She says the violence began long before the police began to use the tear gas. Kids were throwing bottles at her house breaking her windows, and one even hit her friend in the face.

"I've come to block party every year I've been here, and it's never been an angry mood like it was yesterday," Laura said. "People were out to hurt people. The second that first bottle got thrown, that's when the mood changed."

Despite being tear-gassed herself, she appreciated Saturday's police presence.

"We called them repeatedly," Laura said. "I mean, my friend came in and his face was entirely bloody. They wouldn't come to our house 'cause they couldn't get here. They may have overreacted, but none of us who live here think so because we're the ones who wanted them there."

"Yeah, we got tear-gassed. All of us in the house, even with closed windows we had to be down in the basement because all of us were on fire. We were on fire for hours. None of us could breathe. But honestly even going through that and dealing with the effects of tear gas, it's OK"

After the crowd dispersed, the atmosphere was still intense according to Collichio.

"It was like Somalia here at night," Collichio said. "There was a helicopter with a spotlight going around. There was text messages from JMU saying if you were throwing any sort of party in Forest Hills you would be arrested. It was like a war zone."

While landlords and tenants are working to address the damages, most residents spent Sunday trying to clear the destruction outside their front doors.

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EDITORIAL

## Not Like This, JMU

IT IS ABHORRENT how events at Springfest escalated this weekend. It seems almost unbelievable that an annual block party was transformed into a violent stand-off with police units that ultimately ended with tear gas and rubber bullets. It's unfortunate that the police even had to go such measures, but the conduct of the partygoers was egregious and unacceptable. It is one thing to litter and be rowdy; it is quite another to throw beer bottles at other partygoers and police officers. While it's well known that many of the participants of Springfest were not JMU students, perhaps it's time to start considering closed parties. It seems an almost alien idea, allowing only those invited, considering JMU has a reputation for free and open parties. It's time we take a look at ourselves and start taking responsibility for the repercussions of our actions. None of the organizers could have known the situation would deteriorate as they did, but we should have realized the how volatile the situation could be and taken measures to prevent it. This wasn't just one of the disturbances we see regularly on the weekends. This very well could change the atmosphere of our university from here forward. We have yet to see just how far the consequences will reach. At the very least, this year's Springfest has provided all of the evidence needed to show that JMU's culture of drinking is a problem.

EDITORIAL

## Opinions Welcome

ANYONE IN THE JMU COMMUNITY is welcome to submit a column to The Breeze. Whether the writer is a candidate for an SGA position or someone who's just starting to form their opinion about an issue, the Opinion page is open to anyone willing to share his or her viewpoint. These columns reflect the opinion of the writer only, not of The Breeze editors or the rest of the staff. Though we edit for facts, style and grammar, we do not change the opinions of the writers. The elections commission has a rule stating that no candidate can receive support from a recognized student organization for a university resource "to which that candidate would not have access as an individual student." The Breeze did not solicit a column from either candidates for student representative to the Board of Visitors for Thursday's paper. Dan Smolkin submitted a column (unrelated to his campaign); regular columnist Steven Knott did not. The Breeze does not endorse candidates in any type of election at any level. Any type of endorsements from other columnists or perceived preference of coverage is unintentional and like always, The Breeze strives to be as fair as possible.

LETTER

### Overstepped Boundaries

On April 6, *The Breeze* sponsored the SGA and student representative to the Board of Visitors debate in Taylor Down Under. The turnout was visibly greater than last year's, a clear sign of the commitment of the student body and the efforts of *The Breeze* and the SGA Elections Commission. *The Breeze* and the commission have made great strides to improve the election process and increase the student's awareness of the candidates. However, later that week *The Breeze* published John Scott's column describing the various candidates and endorsing a select few. First and foremost, I believe that Scott's moderation of the SGA and student representative to the Board of Visitors debate and *The Breeze's* participation in this year's SGA elections has been a tremendous asset to increasing student participation and awareness of the SGA. I personally feel that he has overstepped his boundaries by using his connections with *The Breeze* to publicly endorse certain candidates. I feel it is unprofessional and is in conflict with

LETTER

### Outrageous Behavior

As a graduate of JMU, there are many things about my university that I remember fondly. Football, sunny days on the Quad, basketball games — you get the gist. But one of the things I absolutely dreaded was block party weekend. Seeing the footage and hearing the news of Springfest 2010, I am absolutely disgusted with the behavior of the students attending the party. The fact that SWAT, state troopers, Harrisonburg Police Department and the Harrisonburg Fire Department

*The Breeze's* stance on impartiality. Furthermore, I feel it violates Article VIII, Section A, Subsection 5 of the JMU Election Policy. This states that "... no candidate may accept from any recognized student organization its assistance as a recognized student organization to obtain for a candidate any university resource to which that candidate would not have access as an individual student." The candidates he endorses could not receive endorsements from *The Breeze* and its staff because this would be in violation with *The Breeze's* aforementioned neutrality. If Scott felt that he should endorse certain candidates, then he should do so through other means and not through our university's newspaper. I would once again like to stress that I commend Scott and *The Breeze* for their efforts on behalf of the student body. Without their support and dedication this year's election season would just be a dismal repeat of last spring.

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JOHN SCOTT | don't tread on me

## Mob Mentality Massacres Madison

Saturday night, a cloud of tear gas and smoke hung ominously over Forrest Hills Manor. Partygoers were either running from the gas or standing defiant, launching glass bottles. Police officers were marching up the streets and sidewalks. Dumpsters were set ablaze. Helicopters were looming overhead. I've never seen anything like it. And I'll never forget it. I survived the block party riot of 2010.

Police and students undoubtedly have different stories about the riot's fruition. But when you examine the authorities' decisions leading up to Saturday night, the outcome is unsurprising. "What did you think was going to happen?" asked JMU senior James Ferron. When the Harrisonburg Police Department did not trust students enough to party peacefully, there was a fundamental shift in students' attitudes about their right to party. These responsible drinkers who were cast out Friday inherently saw the police's action as a slap in the face. Those usually orderly individuals in turn acted like children on Saturday because they felt like they were being treated as children on Friday. On Friday afternoon, hundreds flocked to the grassy areas and partied under the decks of The Forest Hills Manor town homes while a DJ performed for the audience. It was a peaceful gathering. All of a sudden the Forrest Hills property manager, accompanied by Harrisonburg's finest, systematically shut down the event by going to every door and throwing out people who did not live there. When the HPD preemptively raided the assembly on Friday, students only became more determined to enjoy themselves on Saturday. Last year's block parties were well-maintained and included musical performances. This year, however, where the stage once



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Saturday, partygoers exhibited clear signs of disrespect toward police officers.

was, stood a mass of students throwing beer cans and bottles. Windows of close-by apartments were broken. Bystanders were maimed by hurled objects. For an hour, it was chaos. I'm not condoning what happened. But consider the increase in tension that comes from the presence of poised police reinforcements. Last year there were bike cops and patrol cars. This year, it escalated into an armada of riot shields. These responsible drinkers who were cast out Friday inherently saw the police's action as a slap in the face..

When the police force came to Village Lane's end, students set Manor dumpsters ablaze — forcing the civil disturbance unit to hold their position. It is difficult to pinpoint what specific group of people incited the riot, but it was obvious that a mob mentality was present. Individuals abandoned all moral principles and committed illegal, violent actions against property and other people. Eventually the rioters were overtaken. After the police forced all non-residents

of the Manor out, like they did on Friday, helicopters with spotlights buzzed over the city. Martial law was imminent. It didn't have to end this way. Friday's police presence was unwarranted and created unintended negative consequence with the unruliness and destruction by some party attendees. No police policy can change the problematic drinking culture for the better, only for the worse. The pre-emptive shut down of Friday's event sociologically jarred the student population. Because some did not understand the swift appearance of police, it led to a distrust and cast a veil of frenzy over the eyes of reason. The future is still unclear. Because there will be more parties in the future, law enforcement and property managers have a choice. They can continue on their present course of trying to prohibit large social gatherings, or they can allow students to sit down with them and discuss current police policies about effectively managing events such as Springfest. Regardless, this event will change how JMU parties, whether it be through governmental policy or societal reactions. John Scott is a senior writing, rhetoric & technical communication major and former SGA senator.

## DARTS & PATS

Darts & Pats are anonymously submitted and printed on a space-available basis. Submissions creatively depict a given situation, person or event and do not necessarily reflect the truth. Submit Darts & Pats at [breezejmu.org](http://breezejmu.org)

**A "learn-to-stay-in-the-lines"** dart to all the girls who drive SUVs in Champion's Drive Parking Deck for making me fear for my life at every turn.  
*From a fellow female who is not impressed by your big car or lack of driving skills.*

**A "here-I-come-to-save-the-day"** dart to Mighty Mouse for escaping his way out of two traps.  
*From a girl who is impressed with your craftiness, but would like to not be afraid to go into her kitchen anymore.*

**A "why-this-weekend?!"** dart to CHOICES for letting parents see JMU at its worst.  
*From a junior girl who loves JMU and doesn't want potential students to think tear-gassing students is normal here.*

**A "fee-fi-fo-fum-I-smell-stinky-feet-and-toe-scum"** dart to the boy in English class who decided to air out his hairy feet on the chair next to me.  
*From a girl who almost passed out from the nauseating fumes coming from your feet.*

**A "we-should-be-the-ones-complaining"** dart to the girl at PC Dukes who groaned when the fire alarm went off, and took the food she didn't even pay for.  
*From a student employee who thought JMU had an honor system.*

**A "delayed,-but-nonetheless-well-earned"** pat to all the No Drive Day volunteers and participants for going that extra mile by foot, bike or bus!  
*From assorted air molecules, waterways and street-traversing creatures.*

**A "keepin'-it-classy"** pat to all of the sober people who found better things to do over the weekend besides take part in Springfest.  
*From another sober individual who knows why she's in college and follows through with her goals.*

**A "tell-that-to-kids-who-don't-have-any"** dart to the woman who yelled at me to put my shoes on.  
*From a TOMS supporter who would have happily obliged, had you asked nicely.*

**A "do-you-really-think-your-text-message-is-that-important?"** dart to the people who spend more time looking at their phone than they do at the road in front of their 2-ton lump of metal on wheels.  
*From a cyclist who doesn't have the luxury of fenders, six air bags, side impact bars or seat belts.*

**A "way-to-represent-our-school"** dart to all the drunken people in E-Hall on CHOICES.  
*From a senior who thinks Springfest is way overrated.*

**A "thanks-for-brightening-my-day"** pat to the people who drew the giant hopscotch course in front of Wilson Hall and wrote "Arthur" lyrics in front of Harrison Hall.  
*From a '90s kid at heart.*

**A "my-eyes!"** dart to the couple getting freaky in Duke Dog Alley at 1:30 in the morning.  
*From a freshman who is now scarred for life.*

**A "where-am-I,-Nam?"** dart to all the helicopters flying over Harrisonburg.  
*From a girl who can't believe Springfest got this out of hand.*

An **"oh-my-gosh-you-made-it-through-this-weekend"** pat to my body.  
*From my mind that was not nearly as lucky.*

An **"I-thought-there-was-more-diversity"** dart to JMU for claiming to have a more diverse applicant pool for next year.  
*From a guy who saw the same prospective students and parents walking around campus for CHOICES as last year.*

An **"I'm-ashamed-to-call-myself-a-Duke"** dart to the Springfest partygoers who threw beer bottles at police.  
*From a formerly proud student who doesn't enjoy seeing JMU on headline news for riots and stupidity.*

An **"I-know-you-don't-read-this,-but-you-deserve-it"** dart to all the people in the world who should be darted.  
*From a dart-happy Duke who thinks there should be Darts & Pats outside of the JMU community.*

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Super Crossword

MEN OF LETTERS

- ACROSS

1 Pay to play

5 "Forever —" ('47 film)

10 "Go, team!"

13 Window parts

18 German river

19 "The Gong Show" guy

21 Fit — fiddle

22 Jergens or Astaire

23 "The Shadow over Innsmouth" author

25 "In a Free State" author

27 "Big Three" site

28 Most loathsome

30 Ring official

31 Po land

35 Word form for "environ-ment"

36 '62 Tornadoes smash

39 "The Nibelung-enlied," e.g.

42 Golfer Trevino

43 Omit

45 Wooden strip

46 — Aviv

47 Adventure stories
- 49 — Dawn Chong

51 Singer Vaughan

54 "Perelandra" author

56 "The Time Machine" author

60 Writer Erich

62 Game fellow?

63 Actress Alicia

64 "Cara —" ('65 song)

65 Hard to lift

66 Lesage's "Gil —"

69 Zhivago's love

71 CT hours

73 Charged atom

74 "The Catcher in the Rye" author

78 "Women in Love" author

82 Southern constella-tion

83 Cal. page

84 Tibetan monk

86 Do Europe

87 Gymnastics event

90 Scoundrel

92 Columnist Smith

93 Lamb and pork

97 Shining
- 98 "Charlotte's Web" author

100 "Winnie-the-Pooh" author

102 Broadcast

104 — Tome

105 Jitterbug dance

107 Mink's coat

108 Spruce

110 Use a poniard

113 Fairway accessory

114 "Cheerio!"

115 Earphones

118 Maestro de Waart

119 Proprietor

121 Chum

122 Fraught with danger

125 Fall birth-stone

129 "A Passage to India" author

132 "The Code of the Woosters" author

136 Post or Bronte

137 Zsa Zsa's sister

138 Explanatory phrase

139 Corporate VIP

140 Panelist Paul

141 — Tin Tin

142 Steakhouse order
- 143 Pants part

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1 Pale

2 Wine valley

3 Hard to believe

4 Amatory

5 Vigoda or Burrows

6 Rock's Fleetwood —

7 "I'm freezing!"

8 Ages

9 "100 —" ('69 film)

10 Sitarist

11 Shankar

12 Selling point

13 Crumby kid?

13 With 32 Down, court sport

14 Business dept.

15 Anne of "The Daytrippers"

16 More morose

17 Egotist's darling

20 — shift

24 Tub

26 Hold-up man?

29 Fancy fabric

32 See 13 Down

33 Triangle parts

34 Indeed

37 Squirrel away
- 38 Stooze count

39 Emulate Rembrandt

40 Chihuahua dough

41 Poorly

44 Reading matter?

47 Bulge

48 Sedimentary rock

50 Architect Saarinen

52 Once more

53 Devastation

55 Isle near Corsica

57 Knot

58 Combat

59 Egyptian

61 Director Adrian

67 Objective

68 — drum

70 Come clean

72 Terrible age?

74 Part of Indonesia

75 Races a jalopy

76 — Sainte Marie, MI

77 Up for — (available)

79 Eye color

80 Card game

81 "... — saw Elba"

85 Mohammed — Jinnah

88 Actress Luft

89 Jacket material
- 91 "— brillig . . ."

94 — Romeo

95 Hardware item

96 Blood components

99 "Heartbreak —" ('56 hit)

100 From the top

101 Mideastern gulf

103 Hornets

106 Skater Midori

109 Wobble

111 Take on

112 Purchased

114 Girl Scout units

115 Overdramatic

116 Puckish

117 Roman fountain

120 Numerical suffix

121 Role for Rigg

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124 Medicine cabinet item

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WHITTEN MAHER | gadfly

# ‘The Recent Unpleasantness’

*Gov. McDonnell is Running a Charm Offensive on Social Conservatives, to the Chagrin of Everyone*

People in the South used to refer to the Civil War as “the recent unpleasantness.” The euphemism strikes you with its warped perspective and refusal to greet the present. A more common name is the “war of Northern Aggression.” No, really.

There will always be xenophobes who long for the days of old; even if they were born too late to ever really lay claim to them. But when these people gain power, they can use their office to spread messages that affirm backward values. This hurts people’s reputation in the larger community (how America looks at Virginia, for instance). It emphasizes that which is distasteful at best, hateful at worst. Even while they do serious work to fulfill their duties, it proves you can be as successful and still disrespect many of those you serve.

Enter Gov. Bob McDonnell, a real piece of work. First, he omits protection for gay state workers from his executive order. (The last two governors went out of their way to include it because the legislature won’t.) He reasons correctly that it is not the governor’s place to make law, only execute it. But McDonnell knows the General Assembly doesn’t want to address discrimination of LGBT state employees,

and he has not definitively said whether he would sign such a bill.

His attorney general, Ken Cuccinelli, then picks up that issue and, brandishing McDonnell’s explicit legal line of argument, sets it on fire. Cuccinelli says that state schools can’t have nondiscrimination policies regarding sexual orientation. The notorious letter to Virginia universities really was the logical next step after McDonnell’s executive order. The uproar was too big for McDonnell to ignore, though, so he penned a nonbinding executive directive (not an order) to calm everyone down.

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So Cuccinelli’s letter remains the correct interpretation of Virginia law, and LGBT workers don’t enjoy the same protection McDonnell’s executive order offers other classes of people. Everything’s square from a legal point of view, but it’s still rotten. Ask the age-old question of cui bono (who benefits?) and you’ll start to get it. Despite the apologies, there are grotesque value statements emanating from the Governor’s mansion and hiding between the lines. Social conservatives can rest assured that Virginia still doesn’t treat gay men and women like other, more

liberal states.

Now, they can celebrate that, as McDonnell proclaimed in an executive order last week, April is Confederate History Month. Although the order encouraged Virginians to “study” their history, it curiously neglected any mention of slavery or civil rights, and so again McDonnell had to apologize. It’s hard to believe he completely forgot about slavery or civil rights.

Virginia has a governor who goes out of his way to stroke the egos of social conservatives whenever he gets the chance. It’s almost as though he’s ready to make all these apologies, because he knows his primary audience (social conservatives and Old South types) will get the real message.

He’s not a gay-bashing, Bible-thumping, right-wing loon; he packages himself as modern, more practical. But he’s not a Tea Party politician either. He can’t claim to be concerned merely with size and scope of government, because he’s demonstrated that he can’t keep 20th century social issues off his desk.

In many ways, Gov. McDonnell is indeed that same man who, 20 years ago, published that paleoconservative master’s thesis. There’s some pretty ugly stuff in there which he mostly disavowed, but the truth is in his actions, not his words. At every step of the way, McDonnell has a rationalization, but it’s wearing thin.

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SEAN DOLAN | contributing writer

# Rewriting History

It seems that a strategy among some Republican leaders recently has been to attempt to rewrite history. It’s a bold approach. If they can’t get what they want legislatively, why not change what future generations learn through their textbooks and culture?

Last week, Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell declared April to be Confederate History Month, but made no mention of slavery in his proclamation. He is essentially commemorating those individuals who actively participated in preserving white supremacy. McDonnell stated that Confederate History Month will increase tourism in Virginia. Does he expect any of Virginia’s black residents to be interested in visiting to celebrate their oppression?

Virginia State Sen. Mary Margaret Whipple said on MSNBC, “Gov. McDonnell’s proclamation is very troubling to me and many others because it only portrays one side of the story. We can’t just erase part of our history by ignoring it and glossing over it. It’s just wrong.”

Legally, the governor can word his statement however he wants; morally, it is inappropriate and wrong.

This isn’t the first time history has been rewritten. Last month the Texas Board of Education passed legislation that will place a pronounced conservative bias into textbooks. This new social

studies curriculum will have a profound influence on the rest of the country, as Texas is one of the largest buyers of textbook across the nation. The *Washington Monthly* has reported, “When it comes to textbooks, what happens in Texas rarely stays in Texas.”

The board questions Darwin’s theory of evolution, the secular nature of the American Revolution, and even worse, they declare that the Founding Fathers’ ideas were based on Christianity.

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Dr. Don McLeroy, the leader of this conservative movement declared, “We are adding balance. Academia is skewed too far to the left.” Now separation of church and state and evolution are “radical leftist concepts.”

After spending some time browsing the blogosphere, it became apparent that many well-educated conservatives have realized the irrational, irresponsible nature of the current Republican Party. My favorite

conservative, David Frum, a former Bush speechwriter, was fired from his job at a conservative think tank because he questioned the actions of Republican leadership in Congress. I guess they are afraid of anyone who offers an opinion they don’t agree with.

In an article on FrumForum.com entitled, “How the GOP Purged me,” Chris Currey, a frequent contributor to the site, explains that the Republican Party left him, not the converse.

He said, “The leaders of the GOP grew belligerent. They became too religious, almost zealots. They became intolerant. They began searching for purity in Republican thought and doctrine. Ideology blinded them.”

“Now, we have become the party of the Old Straight White Folks,” he said.

Frum and the contributors to his blog understand the practical ideology behind true conservatism. He understands that if the GOP doesn’t change soon, it will continue to lose political ground. Republican leaders of today have lost sight of their conservative forefathers. They don’t understand how to act in an increasingly diverse America, so they have decided to rewrite history in their favor.

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GARRETT WHITMORE | guest column

# Health Care: All-around Bad

A few weeks ago a huge health care reform bill was signed into law by President Barack Obama that nationalizes health care for millions of uninsured Americans. The law was barely pushed through Congress, with one part of the bill using the controversial reconciliation process — which means only a simple majority (51 votes) were needed to pass the bill through both chambers of Congress without the possibility of a filibuster. Democrats passed two pieces of legislation for health care. The first part of the bill, which was signed into law, is a comprehensive reform package. The second part, the piece passed through reconciliation, makes edits to that measure and now heads to the Senate for a final vote.

Conservative lawmakers and right-wing Americans are outraged by this bill as they complain it is against the wishes of many Americans and lacks bipartisanship in the Democratic-ruled Congress. *USA Today* and Gallup polls show that 40 percent of Americans thought the bill was a “bad thing,” with every single Republican in Congress voting against it — maybe that’s why they were complaining of lack of bipartisanship.

In response to this, many right-wing Americans are participating in national protests of the newly formed health care bill, in the forms of the Tea Party.

The Tea Party represents the view of Americans who are against having their money used to provide health insurance for another large group of Americans who essentially don’t pay for it. They complain the health care bill provides for many unproductive citizens who are benefiting off money that many Americans work hard for every

day.

Obama and the rest of left-wing America fail to realize that it is not the government’s job to provide health care. It is not in the U.S. Constitution, nor is it on any mandated U.N. charter. It should strictly be the responsibility of individuals to earn a living and provide basic health care for themselves. By dishing out government aid and free benefits, you are in the same sense telling Americans in the lowest socioeconomic status that it’s OK for them to stay in their current predicament of poverty, unproductiveness and oppression.

This Obama-issued Robin Hood notion of “steal from the rich and give to the poor,” is encouraging more people to join the free party being thrown by the U.S. government.

One can’t help but parallel this bill with that of welfare and Medicaid in regards to how it is placing more tax burden on the majority of Americans. This Obama-issued Robin Hood notion of “steal from the rich and give to the poor,” is encouraging more people to join the free party being thrown by the U.S. government.

I simply don’t see how this is the message that Obama, Vice President Biden, Speaker of the House Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, and the

rest of the Democratic Congress, want to send to the youth of America.

By passing this health care bill, many Americans are going to continue to cruise on the government’s dime and pack the doctor’s offices and emergency rooms, which are already over-crowded. According to a survey done by the *New England Journal of Medicine*, 46 percent of physicians, namely general practitioners, considered leaving medicine if the bill was signed into law. I guess we will see how this pans out, but it can only get worse with the already alarming shortage of family physicians. In addition, you can expect many graduating medical school students, who, if on the fence about practicing family medicine, will probably choose an easier and more lucrative specialty.

Another problem this huge health care bill raises is the issue relating to the national debt. As of now, our debt is around \$12 trillion, and according to the Congressional Budget Office, Obama’s fiscal 2011 budget will generate nearly \$10 trillion in cumulative budget deficits over the next 10 years. This should be alarming to not only JMU students, but every college student around the nation. Because of the sheer magnitude of the debt we have piled up, we are the generation who is going to take the biggest hit with this bill.

When we graduate, we will immediately be paying higher taxes to cover this bill, and if you are one of the lucky ones who becomes financially successful, trust me, you will be paying more than you think.

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MICHAEL SAMARASINGHE | guest column

# Don’t Blame Just JMU Students

Everyone and their brother has an opinion about what happened at Springfest this year. We’ll hear from non-JMU students about how horrible we are and how out of control we can get. We’ll then hear from all the JMU students about how it wasn’t our fault. The truth is it lies somewhere in between.

You won’t hear about those of us in the crowd providing first aid to the injured or the individuals who sheltered people in their houses while the cops were shooting tear gas.

Springfest has been going on for years without any major incidents, but that’s not to say that each year there aren’t a handful of fights. The same can be said about any large gathering at any major college. If you have an issue with the rowdiness of college students, its not as if JMU stands alone.

What happened at Springfest was caused by a culmination of a few things.

First of all, when the few DJ’s and bands who did show up tried to play they were quickly silenced by the police. This may have been the worst thing to be done because what was left were a bunch of drunk people standing around with nothing to do — what do you think will happen?

Second, Springfest has been growing in size each year, and while it may have been composed of mostly JMU students

in the past, I believe we were largely outnumbered this year by people from other schools.

This all started because a few individuals began throwing their beers at the people who were standing on the transformer boxes in the field. At first it was all fun and games. The half-full beers just soaked people and nothing more.

It was after everyone had finished throwing the beers they had in their hands that they started throwing empty beer bottles and full beers. That’s when it shifted from innocent fun to dangerous behavior. Things degraded after this to an almost tribal like “test of manhood” as drunken guys took turns jumping in the center to see how long they could last.

If you watch the videos of what happened out of context it looks like a bunch of JMU kids rioting out of control. Isn’t it funny that on a normal weekend at JMU, we can all have fun safely, but on the weekend that thousands of non-students come visit, it turns into an out of control riot? And many say all the belligerent people were JMU students. A lot of students came from schools in the Deep South, which are notorious for getting out of control. I found this out from the guys who were throwing bottles at my head while doing the University of Florida Gator Bait “chomp.”

Although we are partly to blame, I don’t believe this would have happened if it was just JMU students. The truth is JMU is a party school, but on any given weekend the exact same thing occurs at Virginia Tech or UVA. JMU is judged based on stereotypes and the problem only gets worse.

I’m sure there will be consequences for what happened this weekend and honestly

maybe that’s what should happen. I love JMU. I think its one of the best schools in the state. It just happens to be known as a “party school” so that’s the type of students we are attracting each year.

You won’t hear about those of us in the crowd providing first aid to the injured or the individuals who sheltered people in their houses while the cops were shooting tear gas.

Does anyone take into account the possibility that the Harrisonburg cops were just a little too excited to use all the riot gear they have?

I don’t condone what happened but I definitely don’t think the JMU student body is entirely to blame. I think the issue is larger than our small school. It has to do with America and the expectations we have of how our 20-somethings should behave.

I’m sure many of the people who are outraged by this had at least one party they attended when they were in college get out of hand.

These things happen; it is human nature. There is hatred against the American youth — I don’t know how many times I’ve heard about how spoiled and entitled we all are. Things like this seem to only corroborate their biased opinions.

But like I said, don’t judge a book by its out of control cover. Dig a little deeper and you will see that even while all of this madness was going on, there were people who were trying to do the right thing. You won’t hear about them, but it is these people who truly embody the JMU spirit and what we are about as an institution.

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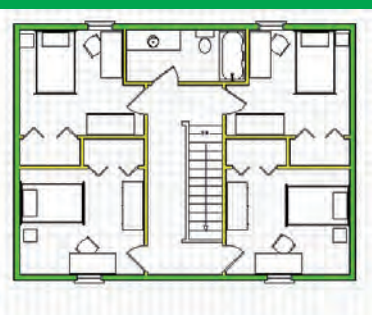
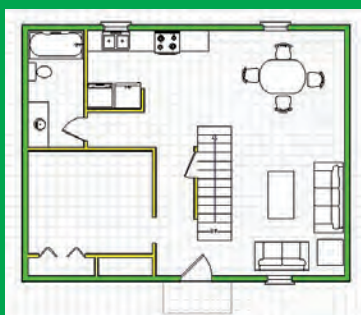
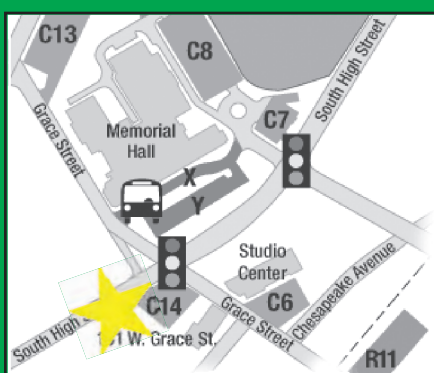


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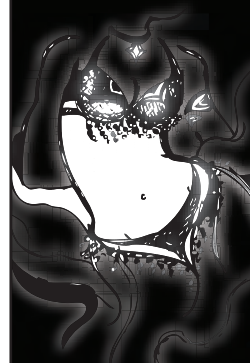
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## GAMES THIS WEEK

### WOMEN'S LACROSSE

**Drexel @ JMU**  
Friday, 7 p.m.  
*The No. 12 Dukes won their first Colonial Athletic Association game this past Friday, a 10-9, double-overtime thriller against Towson University. Senior Kim Griffin scored the winner in sudden-death overtime, giving her the deciding goal in the past three JMU victories.*

### BASEBALL

**UNC-Wilmington @ JMU**  
Friday, 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, 6:30 p.m.  
Sunday, 2 p.m.  
*The Dukes won their first Colonial Athletic Association game this past Friday, a 10-9, double-overtime thriller against Towson University*

## WEEKEND ACTION

### Baseball

- Friday, vs. William & Mary **(7-6 win)**
- Saturday, vs. William & Mary **(15-7 win)**
- Sunday, vs. William & Mary **(7-6 win)**

### Softball

- Saturday, vs. Hofstra **(6-0 loss)**
- Saturday, vs. Hofstra **(6-3 loss)**
- Sunday, vs. Hofstra **(7-0 loss)**

### Track & Field (Mason Invitational)

- Friday, **(individual results can be found at [jmusports.com](http://jmusports.com))**

### Men's Tennis

- Friday, vs. George Washington **(5-1 loss)**

### Women's Tennis

- Saturday, vs. George Washington **(5-2 win)**

### Women's Lacrosse

- Friday, vs. Towson **(10-9 win)**
- Saturday, vs. Delaware **(5-2 win)**

## TENNIS

# Solid Season for Both Teams

Men's and women's tennis were both in action over the weekend against George Washington University. While the women were able to finish out their regular season with a win at home, the men traveled to Foggy Bottom and finished the regular season with a loss to the Colonials.

The women's team won every doubles match and four of six singles matches en route to a 5-2 victory at the Hillside Courts. The ladies finished the year 8-7 having lost only once since returning from their spring break tournament in Puerto Rico, a span of eight matches. The one gaff was a closely contested, 3-4 loss to UNC-Wilmington March 28.

Freshmen Megan Douglass and Michelle Nguyen won the first doubles match for JMU and senior Rebecca Erickson and junior Kristin Nimitz won the second. Douglass, Nguyen, Erickson and Nimitz were the four singles winners for JMU. Erickson's victory over Dorota Lysienia was the only match to have to be settled in a third round.

The women will play next at the Colonial Athletic Conference Championships, to be held April 15-18 in Norfolk, Va. The women were 2-2 against CAA opponents this year.

It was a completely different story for the men as they traveled to the nation's capital in their final tune-up before their CAA Championships.

They were able to muster just singles win, from senior No. 1 player Mike Smith. They were swept in the doubles round, as they lost two out of three matches in tiebreakers. Smith and partner Matt King lost a tightly contested match to Erik Hannah and Chris Kushma while Junior Yaroslav Voznenko and sophomore Ville Maaranen also were defeated in the final game.

It was the Dukes' worst loss since a 1-6 decision to Binghamton last month.

After winning the first set, King fell to Colonials freshman Richad Blumenfeld in a third set, 4-6, 6-1, 6-3. He is the only JMU player to play a third set in the singles rounds.

The men's CAA Championships will be held on the same dates and at the same locations as the women's. JMU finished 3-5 in CAA matches this season.

— staff reports

## BASEBALL

# Knight's Big Day Highlights Sweep

By MICHAEL DEMSKY  
*The Breeze*

Ironically, as the baseball field at Veterans Memorial Park was christened Eagle Field on Saturday, baseball took flight for JMU. Behind three home runs from first baseman Trevor Knight, the Dukes beat William & Mary, 15-7, for their second victory over the Tribe in two days.

An 11-inning, 7-6 win Sunday afternoon gave the Dukes their first conference sweep of the season. The wins solidified JMU's position as the No. 2 team in the Colonial Athletic Conference.

In Friday night's series opener JMU (17-14, 8-3 in the CAA) posted perhaps their signature win of the year, a come-from-behind 7-6 triumph. The win was their first against William & Mary (17-13 3-5) since March 1, 2008 after being swept by the Tribe last season.

The wins strongly boosted the Dukes chances at qualifying for the CAA Tournament after narrowly being left out last season. With the field shrunken down to from six to four teams this year, every game matters. The Dukes are 11-4 in their past 14 games.

"Resiliency is impressing me the most, I think we started out not meeting our expectations the way we wanted to, but the last 10 or 15 games we've really come together," senior captain Mike Fabiaschi said. "It's been a lot of little things, hustle and getting back to the simple things of the game."

Friday night the Dukes had their work cut out for them early as they faced a 4-0 deficit after the first inning. After a rough opening frame, Dukes starter Kyle Hoffman would calm down, giving up just one more earned run in 7 2/3 innings of work.

The Dukes would break through in the third to tie the game. They scored four runs in the inning, highlighted by a three-run homer off the bat of designated hitter Matt Tenaglia.

In response to the rally, the Tribe would pull starter Logan Billbrough in favor of one of the conference's top pitchers in Matt Davenport. Davenport, a sophomore, came into the game having given up just eight earned runs in 52 1/3 innings this season.

The Dukes weren't fazed, rudely welcoming Davenport the next inning with another scoring spree, this time with three runs. A two-run home run from third baseman McKinnon Langston would give the Dukes all the runs they would need to win the game, as the shot put the team up 7-4.

The Tribe would make it close, cutting the JMU lead to one before manager



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**Friday night, Kyle Hoffman went 7 2/3 innings, giving up five earned runs on seven hits while striking out eight in the Dukes 7-6 win over William & Mary.**

Spanky McFarland called on junior closer Kevin Munson with two outs in the eighth. With the tying run on second base, Munson struck out W&M third baseman Ryan Williams to end the inning.

It would take Munson just nine pitches to dismiss the Tribe in the ninth as he registered his sixth save of the year.

"I felt real good, they got some young bats in the lineup so it's important to just attack them, no point in pitching around anybody," Munson said. "They're not too disciplined at the plate."

After Friday's heart-racer, Saturday's slugfest was a breath of fresh air for the Dukes. A pregame ceremony announced the naming of the field after former Harrisonburg mayor Rodney Eagle and his wife.

After W&M opened the game with two runs off JMU starter D.J. Brown in the first, the Dukes wasted little time getting right back into it. A five-run second, capped by Knight's first homer, would end hope early for the Tribe.

Despite hanging tough for the first half of the game, W&M was never able

## FOOTBALL

# Cornerback Question Marks

By DAN LOBDELL  
*The Breeze*

College football has been taken over by a wide-open offense known as the spread, and it's giving defensive coordinators everywhere a headache.

The spread spaces the field with three, four or sometimes even five wide receivers in an attempt to expose holes in any

type of coverage scheme. But to run it successfully, coaches are recruiting faster, multi-skilled athletes as opposed to players who would traditionally only play one position.

On the flip side is the notion that in order to combat the spread, a team must field equally skilled and quick players on the defensive side of the ball. If you can't stop the spread, then you're

probably not going to win many games nowadays.

Coach Mickey Matthews knows he has what he needs at the safety and linebacker positions to slow any type of offense, or at least hold it off enough to secure a victory, but he is not as sure about the rest of his athletes in the back seven, specifically the position of cornerback.

"Corner is a question mark," Matthews said. "You lose Scotty [McGee] and Jamaris [Sanders]. We've lost some corners so we gotta solidify our corner position."

The Dukes entered spring practice with just four cornerbacks on the roster, three of whom came to Madison playing other positions.

Rising junior Mike Allen went from quarterback his first year to wide receiver his second year to cornerback last year. Allen saw action in five games last season.

"Quarterback was the toughest," Allen said. "I played it in high school but mainly just to run. Going to receiver, that's pretty much what I knew. And then coming to corner was a little different for me, but I feel like I've picked it up; I'm doing alright."

Rising sophomore Leavander Jones arrived at JMU hoping to play wide receiver, but the coaches convinced him to make the switch to corner. Jones had some success at the position in 2009, his true freshman season, highlighted by his 43-yard interception return in a win over Maine.

The third corner to switch positions is Daniel Allen (no relation to Mike). Allen played tailback at Stone Bridge High School in Ashburn, Va. and also on the scout team last season as a redshirt. But secondary coach Mark Hendricks pitched him the realistic possibility of more playing time as well as getting on the field quicker.

However, the only player on JMU's roster who came to Harrisonburg as a

to retake the lead. Homers off the bat of Knight in the fifth and sixth would result in a 10-6 lead for the Dukes.

Knight's power surge was the seventh time in JMU history a player has hit three home runs in a game. Knight would end the day leading the team in home runs this season with nine.

"When he's hot, it's literally impossible to get him out," said junior shortstop David Herbek. "Even when he's not hot, he's still a great hitter. He sees the ball so well, and he's so patient up there. It's fun to watch him as his teammate."

Brown, a freshman, would get the win for the Dukes. He would pitch five innings, giving up four runs on just four hits. After a rough transition to the college game, Brown has gotten the victory in each of his last two starts, boosting his record to 3-2.

"[Brown]'s doing great, he got off to a slow start but throughout the whole thing he had a good attitude, kept working hard," Fabiaschi said. "He goes out there and gives us a chance to win every time and that's all you can ask for."

Senior outfielder Matt Townsend had two hits and three RBIs for JMU while senior catcher Brett Garner added a solo homer. The game marked the fifth time this season the Dukes have scored at least 15 runs.

Sunday's series finale gave the Dukes the opportunity to get the elusive sweep.

The Dukes got off to a strong start, scoring four runs in the second. However, a three-run rally by the Tribe in the top of the third cut the lead down to one before JMU could respond.

After a sloppy fifth in which the Tribe took a 6-4 lead, the Dukes looked as if they were destined to lose a single game for the fourth straight conference series. However, a clutch pinch-hit, two RBI double by senior Brett Garner in the sixth tied the game.

After the Dukes spoiled loaded bases in the bottom of the ninth, the game headed to extra innings.

After a scoreless tenth and top of the eleventh, the Dukes started off the bottom of the inning with a one-out single by Townsend.

After Knight grounded into a fielder's choice and stole second, senior outfielder and the team's leading hitter Matt Browning came to the plate. Browning, who grounded into a double play to end the ninth, won the game with a single down the right field line. Knight scored, giving the Dukes their sweep.

The Dukes will be back in action this week at Radford on Tuesday. They return to Veterans Memorial this weekend against UNC-Wilmington for a three-game CAA series.

**The Dukes will be returning each player who registered an interception for the team last season, but will be forced to deal with the departure of experienced defensive backs Scottie McGee and Jamaris Sanders.**

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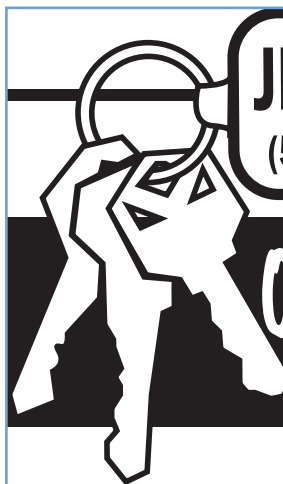
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# Too Much Pride

By **MATT O'TOOLE**  
*The Breeze*

Hofstra freshman pitching sensation Olivia Galati burned the JMU offense over the weekend, leading the Pride to a three-game sweep over JMU. Galati allowed only two hits and struck out four in Sunday's game to pick up her 17th win of the year as the Dukes fell 7-0.

"She struck out 17 of our girls on Saturday," said JMU coach Katie Flynn. "We did make some good adjustments, we put the bat on the ball, we just got under it."

The dominant righty appeared in each game this weekend, and her line was just as dominant as her arm: 15 2/3 innings pitched, 7 hits, 24 strikeouts and only one walk.

"She has two strikeout pitches," said the senior leader first baseman Shannon Moxey. "She has a knuckle change which is really good, and she has a rise ball that is really, really good."

The Dukes, currently on a five-game losing skid, scored all of their runs this weekend when they dropped the second half of the double-header Saturday, 6-3. They were shut out in the opening game 6-0.

The Dukes have only scored nine runs during their five-game skid but are starting to get their pitching back for the home stretch.

"They're just starting to get healthy," Flynn said confidently. "Three innings today, we kept them solid. Cara [Stecher] had a no-hitter going till the 4th inning."

Both teams were scoreless through three frames until Hofstra's senior first baseman Michele DePasquale took the first pitch of the at-bad over the right-center field fence, giving the Pride a 1-0 lead.

"I think they made a lot of adjustments on," Stecher said. "They didn't break enough and they hit it hard."

Stecher threw 3 1/3 innings, making that pitch to DePasquale her only mistake, and dropped to 8-9 on the season.

"It had too much plate than I wanted it to have," the first-year pitcher said. "She's one of their best hitters and took advantage of my mistake."

The Dukes slipped back to five games behind Hofstra for the division lead, but they have some key weekends coming up at Georgia State and against Towson at home. Big wins against these teams can help JMU move up in the standings.

"Last year we were 2-8 in the first three series and felt like we were on life support," Flynn said. "Playing Hofstra, Georgia State and Towson in a row, that's a challenge, but we'll be up for it."

The Dukes return to action Wednesday afternoon when they travel south on Interstate 81 to face the three-time defending Division III champions Lynchburg College.



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**The Dukes, who won last season's Colonial Athletic Conference tournament, hit a rough patch in their season. The team lost five straight games, all at home, while being outscored 38-9. The team donned pink jerseys and socks on Saturday in honor of StrikeOut Cancer Weekend.**

## NHL

# Caps' Ovechkin Won't Slow Down

*The Washington Post*

Several weeks ago, Ted Leonis noticed Alex Ovechkin coming down a hallway at the Washington Capitals' practice facility in Arlington, Va., and stopped to have a word.

The two men — one the franchise's owner, the other its greatest player — meet for occasional mentoring sessions in Leonis' office, where they've discussed family life, finances and American culture, but rarely hockey. This was different, an impromptu conversation about Ovechkin's relentless style of play, which mirrors his frenetic lifestyle off the ice.

Leonis adores his star's exuberance. But some have wondered whether that key ingredient to his success and appeal could someday shorten his career.

"You know, you're flying around the ice at 110 miles an hour," Leonis remembered telling Ovechkin. "And if you flew around the ice at 100 miles an hour, it would be OK."

Ovechkin nodded his assent, and then largely ignored the suggestion. After all, his philosophy — "get puck, score," as Leonis described it — has created the most successful period in Washington hockey history.

Ovechkin's Capitals finished the regular season on Sunday as the National Hockey League's winningest team and head into this week's playoffs as a favorite to win the Stanley Cup. They've smashed local television and attendance ratings; Sunday's game completed the franchise's first sold-out season.

Ovechkin is challenging for his third straight goal-scoring title despite missing 10 games. He's a leading candidate for his third straight most valuable player award — something no Washington professional athlete has done — and has become among the most marketable and recognizable athletes in a city better known for football and basketball loyalties.

There are screaming hordes whenever he leaves the team's

practice facility. He's a regular at several trendy downtown clubs, poses with models for glossy magazine shoots, has the best-selling jersey among NHL players.

He also has a 13-year, \$124 million contract — the most lucrative in league history — and a deal with powerhouse talent agency IMG, which describes his appeal as "mystical bravado" in its recently completed brand review. His teammates are occasionally seen less as fellow stars than as conduits, asked by restaurant hosts whether Ovechkin is on the way.

"Really, they don't care if we come in, just as long as he shows up," said defenseman Mike Green, one of Ovechkin's closest friends. "Everybody wants to meet Ovechkin. They want to see him and be around him."

And while the 24-year-old's most recent season may have been the most complete of his career, it has been colored by disappointment and controversy, rare blemishes on what had been a spotless reputation.

After dreaming of following in the footsteps of his Olympic gold-medal winning mother, Ovechkin's Russian team flamed out of the Vancouver Games without winning a medal. In a sport defined by physical contact, he was suspended twice for hits that crossed the line, losing nearly \$335,000 in fines.

And he faced an increasing chorus of criticism from some journalists and fellow players, suggesting that brakes be applied to his 110-mph style.

To such complaints, Ovechkin reacted much as he did to his owner's suggestion. He is who he is. He plays how he plays. He doesn't want to change.

"I don't care what people say," said Ovechkin, who conducts virtually all his North American interviews in English.

"Some people say good things, some people say bad things. You know, all people (have) different minds. If you gonna listen to everybody, I think you're gonna shoot yourself. I just care about myself,

my family, my teammates and that's it."

For 20 seconds into Ovechkin's first NHL appearance, he crushed Columbus defenseman Radoslav Suchy into the boards, dislodging a metal support and causing a three-minute delay. Before the night was over, he would score two goals. This combination — imposing aggression and lethal goal-scoring — had rarely been seen in the NHL.

"That's what sets him apart," said Joe Corvo, a defenseman who played against Ovechkin for years before joining the Capitals in a trade last month. "If you make him mad, he's gonna look for a chance to run you over. If he wants to run you over, he'll run you over, and he can."

Ovechkin shrugs such talk off, joking that he picked up this style "from Russia," but in fact the stereotype of European players had often been the opposite before his arrival. Ovechkin's parents — who live in Ovechkin's North Arlington home for months at a time during the season — said that he was always a strong and physical athlete.

She said her son weighed more than 12 pounds at birth, that he began competing with older children not long after he first put on skates at age 8. His parents — who worked at the Dynamo Moscow sports complex — would not allow him to lift weights and instead encouraged stretching, pull-ups and soccer while he waited for them to finish work.

After he became entranced by hockey, he would skate outside for eight or nine hours a day, bringing a thermos full of tea and sandwiches made by his mother, and then collapse with exhaustion when he returned home.

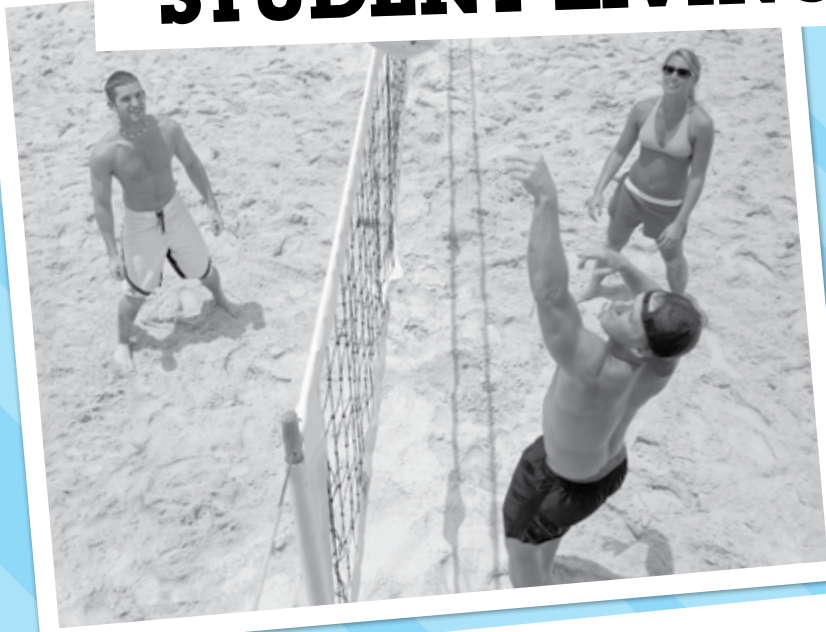
By the time he was 12 or 13, he was regularly hooked up to an EKG machine at the sports complex, where a doctor would tell the parents whether his activity level was appropriate.

"That was his passion," said his father, Mikhail. "We weren't forcing him. We couldn't get him off the ice."

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NFL

# ’Skins Should Grant Haynesworth’s Wish

By TRACEE HAMILTON  
*The Washington Post*

Mike Shanahan and Albert Haynesworth are engaged in a Clash of the Titans that may eventually require 3-D glasses and a box of popcorn. Shanahan, the new Redskins coach, expects Haynesworth to show up at Redskins Park on Friday for a voluntary minicamp. Haynesworth, the newish Redskins defensive lineman, has indicated that he won’t. And because this isn’t like a Supreme Court vacancy — this is important — the whole town is talking.

Shanahan did not like the fact that Haynesworth would not come to Redskins Park for voluntary workouts and instead chose to work out on his own. Haynesworth did not like the fact that Shanahan decided to institute a 3-4 defense, effectively moving him to nose tackle, a position he is perhaps too talented to play, during those times when he is on the field.

These problems might have been solvable at one point — maybe over beers with President Obama at the White House? But the Redskins have attempted to trade Haynesworth and his gigantic salary and are still trying. The time for a negotiated peace has passed, and the time for the big question is upon us.

What if the Redskins can’t trade Haynesworth? Does Shanahan have to swallow his whistle with a pride chaser and take the guy back? Or

will the organization bite the bullet, pay what’s owed Haynesworth — the cherry on top of this worst-investment-in-Washington-sports-history sundae — and cut him loose?

Tough as it may be to swallow, my money’s on the cherry. Of course, it’s not my money, it’s Dan Snyder’s, but that’s only fair. After all, the original deal wasn’t mine, or Shanahan’s, for that matter. If Shanahan and GM Bruce Allen — also not responsible for Haynesworth’s contract — want the owner to buy the guy off, to get rid of a problem or send a message or whatever — will Snyder back the Dynamic Duo as part of his attempt at a more hands-off approach to ownership?

Buying off Haynesworth would likely stick in Snyder’s craw, as it should, but I don’t think it will set a precedent, simply because I think it will be a long time before anyone in this organization, including its owner, comes with a contract ridiculous enough to rival Haynesworth’s. So yes, it’s a big check to write, but if that’s what Shanahan wants, I believe that’s what he’ll get. And I’m not sure there are a lot of other options.

If, let’s say, London Fletcher said he didn’t want to attend a voluntary minicamp in April, that wouldn’t raise a lot of eyebrows in the locker room or among fans. Fletcher plays every down, hard, and he arrives at camp every summer in better shape than the year before. He’s a bad example

to use because he’s a leader, which means he’d show up for a voluntary colonoscopy if a coach told him to.

But it’s not London Fletcher we’re talking about. It’s Albert Haynesworth. Has he earned a free pass after 12 (partial) games as a Redskin? A lot of people were eager to see Jim Zorn leave after last season — among them, probably, Jim Zorn — and one reason given was the uneven treatment of players. There was a lot of talk from the players about guys skipping training camp practices or other gatherings that most were expected to attend. In the wake of Zorn’s departure, everyone — players, media, fans — agreed that the team needed more discipline.

Well, this is what discipline looks like. It’s not easy to watch, which is what makes it easy for tear-stained cherubs to pit parents against each other, and what makes it easy for fans (also perhaps tear-stained) to relax their principles and urge the coach to let it go, just this once.

After all, it is a voluntary minicamp. But it’s a voluntary minicamp your new coach has made clear isn’t really voluntary. Unfair? Sure. But let’s say you just got a new boss, and the new boss suggested everyone come in for, I don’t know, a voluntary evening function so he could get to know his new employees. You might not like it, and you might not like the new boss, but still, he’s the

BOSS. It would certainly be voluntary, in theory, but I’d attend, and I think most of you would, too.

In particular, I believe most of us would attend if we worked half a year

That’s six months, folks, and that’s using a generous accounting method for a non-playoff-making team. I suffer near apoplexy when I hear athletes — especially NFL players — moan about how minicamps cut into their time off, when they already have 50 percent of their time off

Of course, a lot of these guys have never held a real job before. Maybe they had a part-time summer job; maybe they had a “no-work” or “no-show” job when they were in college. But most have never dragged themselves into a cubicle, day after day, and performed soul-sucking work and attended mind-numbing meetings and in-services and all the other dross that most Americans endure every day.

No such admission is forthcoming from Haynesworth. He can’t spare three days to come to Ashburn. He can’t make the effort to mend fences with his new boss, or to learn his new system.

He is adding another brick to the wall between him and his teammates with every refusal to participate in team activities. He seems to be saying he doesn’t want to be with the Redskins. It’s time for the Redskins to grant his wish.

# Dukes in the Spotlight



FILE PHOTO

## Denzel Bowles

- Second-Team Division-I All-State men's basketball team junior
- Averages 20.8 points per game and 9.2 rebounds
- Scored in double figures in each of his 25 JMU games, and reached double figures in rebounding 12 times.
- His 20.8 scoring average is JMU's No. 8 all-time season mark, and his 9.2 rebounding average is the team's No. 10 overall season mark and best since 1976-77.
- His 59.4 percent shooting mark is JMU's No. 3 career mark.
- As a senior at Kempsville High School was rated the No. 63 prospect in the nation and the No. 13 center nationally by ScoutHoops.com.
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Junior art history major Kate Harvey's tattoo has significant meaning. The letters V, G, W and J are tattooed around a treble clef on her foot in memory of the people in her life she's lost.

By CORY KUKLICK  
contributing writer

After enduring the pain of Margaret Bushell's needle at Painted Lady Tattoo & Piercing, a tattoo recipient receives a bumper sticker that reads "Margaret Hurt Me."

Existing since 9500 B.C., tattoos have had both advocates who consider the work pieces of art and detractors who view them as trashy signs of low class.

"Some tattoos I see I think are cheesy," said Kate Harvey, a junior art history major. "It's art of the body; it's subjective."

This subjectivity is reflected in recipients' various rationales for getting tattoos.

"A lot of my friends have them, whether it's to rebel because they're of age, or it's the addiction," Harvey said.

In 2006, Harvey's father died of lung cancer and in 2007, her cousin, stepmother and close family friend, whom Harvey considered a "pseudo-mother," passed away. Harvey had the top of her foot permanently inked with a black and gray treble clef, with four letters — V, G, W, J — forming a diamond around it, representing the names of those she has lost.

"They walk with me every day," Harvey said.

In Harrisonburg alone, there are three tattoo and piercing parlors popular among JMU students and Harrisonburg residents. Each shop offers artists who specialize in various styles of tattoos, from traditional Japanese designs to realistic portraits. The price of a tattoo is determined by its size, amount of detail and color and how long it takes. Most shops have a minimum cost of around \$50.

Bushell, whose own body is covered in tattoos ranging from roses to a symbol of the band Duran Duran, has been a tattoo artist for 14 years. For six of those years, she's worked in Harrisonburg. Bushell averages three to seven tattoos per day, with her busiest day ending after completing 14 tattoos.

"The ones more likely to get tattooed are in the liberal arts field, not the business world," Bushell said. "I didn't see a lot of Harvard kids getting tattooed when I was in Boston. They would have lost their trust funds."

Bushell estimates half of the customers she tattoos are 18 to 26 years old, and says that JMU students get tattooed much more frequently than neighboring Eastern Mennonite University and Bridgewater College students.

"People are thinking about their tattoos more," added Bushell's husband, Alex, the receptionist at Painted Lady. "The tattoo choices are getting better."

Tattooing breaks people into two camps: those who see them as a personal sign of expression and those who see them as ugly body modifications.

Junior Marie Christopher, a media arts and design major, doesn't have a tattoo but agrees with Bushell that they are more prominent among liberal arts students.

"SMAD majors, or other 'artsy' majors, seem to have more tattoos than other majors. We always are trying to find a way to express ourselves," Christopher said, adding that, outside of her civilian job in the Navy, she has never seen more people with tattoos than in Harrisonburg.

Despite her major, Christopher's mind is made up. "I'm scared to permanently ink my body," she said. "If I liked some band, I wouldn't get a tattoo of them; I would go and see them."

But a tattoo also comes with a workplace stigma, and in

see **TATTOOS**, page 17

## Band Brings Reggae to a Sold-Out Clementine

By JAY LEAMY  
contributing writer

In an intimately tight Clementine Cafe last Wednesday, Soldiers of Jah Army — or SOJA as they're colloquially known — returned to Harrisonburg for what lead singer and guitarist Jacob Hemphill called a "f---ing great" experience. The crowd there had a similar sentiment. SOJA played to an entranced, love-struck crowd of JMU students and Harrisonburg residents who were lucky enough to get tickets before the show sold out weeks in advance.

The instrument variety (bongos, drums, keyboard, guitar, saxophone, trumpet) was matched only by the band members' hair — from dreadlocks on Hemphill, drummer Ryan Berty and bassist Bob Jefferson, to a shaved keyboardist Patrick O'Shea and a more creative mohawk on percussionist Ken Brownell.

Hairstyle is arguably a large part of the band's image. Before the show, art education majors Theresa Miles and Kacie Deale said they had seen SOJA three times before and kept coming back because of the amazing music — but also because of the dreadlocks.

The music started with a wicked horn intro from Rodriguez and Escorcia, who were touring with the band to promote their two-month-old album "Born in Babylon." They crept into two slow, rhythmic songs that mesmerized the audience. Everyone in the crowd threw their hands up as SOJA moved into "I Don't Wanna Wait." An elated crowd became rapturous when the performers went right into "You Don't Know Me," complete with a high kick from Jefferson. After a slower, horn-centric piece, Hemphill commented on the floating soap bubbles (courtesy of sophomore Nikki Desiderio, who commented that "SOJA equals good times") — and said that he loves the feel of playing in Clementine Cafe.



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Rafael Rodriguez (from left) and Hellman Escorcia were on tour with SOJA members Jacob Hemphill, Ryan Berty, Bob Jefferson and Patrick O'Shea. The band was excited to be back in Harrisonburg, which is where they first started performing.

"Clementine was a perfect venue to showcase SOJA, allowing them to make a personal connection with the audience," said Jesse Mock, a sophomore political science major.

Freshman Jordan Pye, a media arts and design major, was not new to the SOJA scene.

"This is my third time seeing them this year, and I love getting to see them play in such small and personal venues because I can feel they're about to get really big," he said.

Seniors Scott Petercsak and Amanda Zimmerman commented that they loved SOJA and were expecting Clementine to have a much more crowded

feel, but instead were pleased that it was such an intimate gathering.

For an hour into the show, Jefferson had been silent, aside from his melodious bass chords and his epic hair had been contained in a bun. However, as 11 p.m. struck and the band was in between songs, he shouted, "Harrisonburg, are you ready?" and started into "To Whom it May Concern," letting his hair fly. Jefferson's deep, resonating voice guided a heavy drum line and thick bass chords that drove the crowd crazy. The biggest cheers of the night up to this point came when Jefferson gave a series of high kicks to the beat of the music. Meanwhile,

Hemphill, relieved of his singing, had a transcendental gaze on his face as he ripped out guitar chords.

They played on through the night, coming to a crescendo at the end when SOJA played songs from their album that is to be released in the coming weeks. The song's aphrodisiacal vibes drove the crowd into a rhythmic trance of grinding and swaying. After a faux exit and the begging of the audience, the band came out for a classic encore that left the audience breathless.

"The kids know all the words to the

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This becomes more apparent as we grow older. I imagine statistics would show that women spend less money buying drinks at bars and are more

likely to get out of speeding tickets. We also had first dibs on the lifeboats when the Titanic was going down. However, there are obvious disadvantages to being a woman. Things like giving birth, for example. That sucks. Giving birth to twins. That double sucks.

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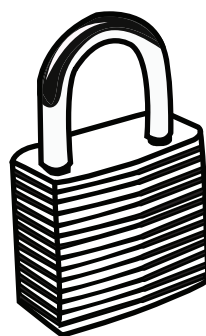
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# TATTOOS | Inked Designs Prohibited in Some Workplaces

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a slumping economy, the pain may be felt just as much in the wallet as it is on the body.

One of the main concerns about getting a tattoo in a visible location is the possibility of not being able to find a job. In many white-collar environments, tattoos must be covered at all times, as they may be seen as unprofessional. For many with tattoos, this fear helped determine where they placed their ink. Some believe gender plays a role, too.

"Guys can cover up a lot quicker," Harvey said. "If they have a suit job, it's a lot easier to cover up than a girl with a skirt and short sleeves."

The Joshua Wilton House, a local inn and restaurant, will not allow its front-of-the-house employees, including hosts and servers, to have visible tattoos.

"I personally don't have anything against tattoos," said owner and manager Sean Pugh. "But a restaurant of this caliber, in this geographic area ... the clientele

are more conservative."

Kitchen staff may have visible tattoos, but those dealing with customers cannot.

"A tattoo is a personal thing ... we want our staff to be individuals, but also there's a barrier between the customer and the server," Pugh said, adding that he believes there is still a social stigma around body art.

Despite restrictions placed on tattoos in some businesses, Harrisonburg's workplaces, especially its restaurants, have very loose rules around visible tattoos. Jack Brown's Beer and Burger Joint, Pennybackers, Beyond, Finnegan's Cove, Clementine Cafe and Artful Dodger are just a handful of restaurants that allow visible tattoos, for not only their chefs and cooks, but also their waiters. James McHone Jewelry and the Massanutten Regional Library do not have policies regarding visible tattoos.

"I have an employee covered in tattoos," said Tammy Brown, co-owner of Pennybackers, referring to a server with her

arm filled with planets and a spaceship. "She's one of the best servers I've seen."

According to Brown, Pennybackers stresses customer service to its employees and teaches them to put the customer first.

"Tattoos don't bother me. Something vulgar may, though," she said.

Bushell, who used to work in the corporate world, believes she was passed over for jobs and reprimanded at previous jobs because of her tattoos. This attitude, in part, led her to becoming a tattoo artist.

"I think people should be judging people on their working merits more than their outward appearance," she said.

As two more customers flip through Bushell's portfolio in preparation for their own tattoos, they will soon receive not only permanent ink and a bumper sticker, but also the possibility of a workforce intolerant of their body artwork.

# Students Take Each Other On in 'Smash' Tournament

By JEFF WADE  
*The Breeze*

Thursday night's rain may have lacked thunder, but there was plenty in Festival's lower drum, as competitors attempted to prove their skill at "Super Smash Bros."

Throughout Festival were multiple stations laden with Nintendo 64s, the three-pronged controllers and copies of the addictive game. The N64 classic depicting the eternally fruitless struggle among Nintendo mascots was brought kicking and screaming out of dorm rooms and basements for an evening that was devoted to both competition and nostalgia.

Breaking down the rules of the tournament was akin to the video game version of "Fight Club." The tournament proceeded in a bracket-style elimination

composed of four-player free-for-alls, where the top two players advanced. Each player received five lives, and once they were depleted, the player was out of the tournament.

Right away some seriously high-level play was on display. The discrepancy between the hardcore and casual players was readily apparent, as challengers overconfident in their nonexistent skills fell quickly. This separated the contenders from the pretenders.

Hours of play eventually led to a final battle. The smattering of remaining participants and onlookers witnessed a climactic battle between Donkey Kong, Captain Falcon and two Pikachus.

The last battle was projected onto a massive screen in the Festival lobby. As the participants readied and Europe's "The Final Countdown" blared,

it was clear the championship was on the line.

The last two competitors each controlled a spiky, electric Pikachu. The battle was not drawn out, as the blue Pikachu had only one life left and had severe damage sustained from an earlier battle. And in no time, senior Scott "Rawk Hawk" Bell and his red-hatted Pikachu finally emerged victorious.

The new champion, lacking in neither skill nor modesty, made it clear in a post-game interview that he was "pretty damn good at this." Yet the Smash Bros. champ proved he also relished the competition and displayed a clear love of the game.

Madison 4 U, a small subset of the Student Outreach program, in its first year was responsible for organizing the event, and was also responsible for holding the Mario Kart tournament earlier this year.

# BAND | Channels Rastafarian Roots

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songs," Hemphill said. "It's awesome."

Hemphill said that it was special to come back because Harrisonburg was where they got their start.

"Harrisonburg is unique, we've been coming here forever," Berty said. "We used to do shows in this building before it burned down. Coming back reminds me of when we were first starting out."

For their new album, the band went back to their roots to write the material, drawing from Bob Marley and Peter Tosh influences. The members are Rastafarian, but Hemphill said that there were different levels of Rasta.

"Rasta is what it means to you. It's about being true and being clean," Berty said.

SOJA got its start in 1997, but has been gaining popularity in recent years.

"They've been around for a long time and no one has really known about them," said Chuck Farabaugh, a sophomore criminal justice major. "Maybe now they'll show JMU and people in the area how good of a band they really are."

Suffice to say, the onlookers at Clementine that night won't have to be told twice.



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SOJA lead singer Jacob Hemphill's dreadlocks are well-known among the music crowd. The hairstyle ties in with the band's reggae style.

# LOSE | Ability to Pee Standing Up Equalizes Women With Men

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I recently stumbled upon the P-Mate advertisement, and it certainly sounds like an offer I can't refuse.

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road or the trail in no time, empty bladders in tow. I know, because I trust the Web site that shows a middle-aged woman, body angled away as she smiles for the camera, urinating — as they say — "vertical."

Other cute names of similar concepts and models include the SheWee, Urifemme, and my particular

favorite, the Shenis. Sounds like P-Mate needs to patent this trophy quick before Apple starts making a model and we can upload a toilet onto our iPhones. Hopefully, university organizations and clubs will begin to pass the suckers out on the commons or give them out as door prizes for campus competitions.

In a world where inequality is an unfair truth, the P-Mate is making great strides toward making the world a better place. Either way, you won't find me in line for the Porta-Potty anymore. Because now I can stand up straight and pee on it.

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